

# Religious 'Giving' In '66 Hit \$6.5 Billion

NEW YORK (RNS) — Contributions for religious purposes accounted for 48 per cent of the \$13.57 billion total philanthropic giving in this country for 1966, it was announced by the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel here.

Leading all other categories, as it has consistently in past years, religious causes received \$6.5 billion last year, an increase of \$2.3 billion since 1960.

The financial statistics were reported in Giving USA, the association's yearbook on philanthropy, and were based on data submitted by

government, religious, health, welfare, youth, civic and other groups.

Along with their financial contributions, Americans continued to give of their time as volunteers in a wide variety of public service. The yearbook reported that last year 54 million volunteers served charitable and other non-profit organizations, including 2 million in hospitals or clinics and 250,000 in anti-poverty programs.

The \$13.57 billion total represented a gain of \$1.6 billion over 1965. Besides the 48 per cent given to religion, the other categories were:

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SUNDAY SCHOOL workers from every section of the state were present for the Bible Teaching Conference April 10-12 at Broadmoor Church in Jackson. Several are seen in front of piano. Seated are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stalnecker, Memphis, music leaders. Standing, from left: Dr. Jerry Weber, Mobile, speaker; Henry Love, Shreveport, conference leader, and Billy Hudgens, Meridian.



DR. DAVID GRANT, host pastor, chats with several leaders prior to opening of conference Monday evening. From left: Bryant Cummings, secretary of the Sunday School Department, conference sponsor; Dr. Joe Davis Heacock, Ft. Worth, conference leader; Dr. Clyde Francisco, Louisville, Ky., speaker; Dr. E. C. Williams, Jackson, former Sunday School secretary, and Dr. Grant. The annual conference began Monday evening and adjourned at noon on Wednesday. Conference leaders included outstanding Sunday school workers from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

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## Mission Board Cancels South Africa Crusade

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptists canceled participation in a South African Revival Crusade because the government of South Africa refused to allow an integrated party of evangelists to enter the country.

"Until recently we were to bring along Negro evangelists but this was ruled out by the South African government because there could be no mixed

group of welcome at the airport," C. E. Autrey, director of the Home Mission Board's division of evangelism, said.

"This would be embarrassing both to the white and Negro pastors," he said.

South Africa is governed by an apartheid policy, a strict separation of blacks and whites in every phase of society.

"There were other stipulations that we feel we could not comply with and remain true to our Southern Baptist convictions in the preaching of the whole gospel of Jesus Christ," Autrey said.

He was referring to a South African restriction that evangelists recruited for the crusade had to agree not to speak on the race issue.

The Baptist Union of South Africa originally requested the help of the Home Mission Board's evangelism division for the crusade next September, requesting that about 100 preachers be recruited.

About 20 of that number were Negro National Baptist preachers until the government ruled that an integrated group could not enter the country—the Negroes would have to enter separately.

With this added stipulation, the Home Mission Board, in its April session voted unani-

Baptist participation in the crusade.

The crusade had been under fire since first news of the restrictions on speaking on race were announced in mid-March. News at that time al-

most immediately to cancel Southern

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## TOBACCO HEAD'S DAUGHTER GIVES SCHOOL \$1 MILLION

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (BP)—A \$1 million gift, which will be used as library endowment, has been made to Wake Forest College by Mrs. Nancy Reynolds Verney of Greenwich, Conn.

Mrs. Verney is a daughter of the late R. J. Reynolds, founder of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and a sister of the late Z. Smith Reynolds for whom the Wake Forest library is named.

Wake Forest College President Harold Tribble said that income from the gift will be used initially to speed three major areas of change in the library's operation.

The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation gave the college \$2½ million for the library endowment in 1965.



PASTORS and other church leaders from Copiah County were present for the World Missions Rally held at First Church in Hazlehurst April 11. Several present were, from left: Rev. N. F. Greer, associate in Stewardship Department; Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, principal speaker; Rev. John Alexander, secretary of Stewardship Department, sponsor of meeting; Rev. Bobby Shands, pastor of Wesson Church and Rev. Rowe Holcomb, host pastor.

## CHALLENGES PROPOSALS ON "CHURCH RENEWAL" FOR SBC

By Selsus E. Tull  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

The long article in the Baptist Record of April 6, 1967 by Dr. L. B. Johnson entitled "Church Renewal" represents a serious tendency in the present-day thinking of some Baptists who fear that what he calls "Baptist Isolationism" is to mean the death of the Baptists in the course of future events.

I quote a few statements in Dr. Johnson's article, "It is no longer possible for us to survive as a major religious force in this country without serious re-evaluation and redirection. Much of the present Southern Baptist Convention

denominational organization is obsolete to face squarely the crucial issues of the future. It is highly unlikely that a position of denominational isolationism can be regarded viable by the 1970's. The days of isolationism are about done. Insistence upon the literal meaning of all the Bible is no longer tenable among people who are educated."

Along with such statements as these, Dr. Johnson seems to indicate that the Baptist had better get in with the present-day "ecumenical movement" if they are to survive!

I am glad to assert my profound opposition to the gen-

eral position of Dr. Johnson as represented in his article. My conviction is that what he calls "Baptist Isolationism" in fact becomes the supreme Baptist opportunity as we face the future. The present-day ecumenical movement whose purpose is to bring together all present-day religious denominations into unity in one body is going to result in a re-definition of true Biblical teaching with respect to the plan of salvation and to true New Testament Church organization. When that happens the historic Baptist position of "isolationism" will become the

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## HMB Names Students

ATLANTA (BP)—In June, a team of 13 student summer missionaries will attack critical target areas in St. Louis, attempting to infiltrate youth gangs, plot a strategy for an inner-city housing project, and begin new work in an unchurched area.

The students are part of a record 698 student summer mission volunteers assigned by the Home Mission Board to reinforce the work of career missionaries across the nation.

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Baptist student unions are sponsoring 107 of the record figure, Beverly Hammack, director of the board's summer missions ministry, said.

More than 9,000 students have been summer missionaries during the 23 years of the program.

Several in the St. Louis task force will be housed in either a high-rise apartment

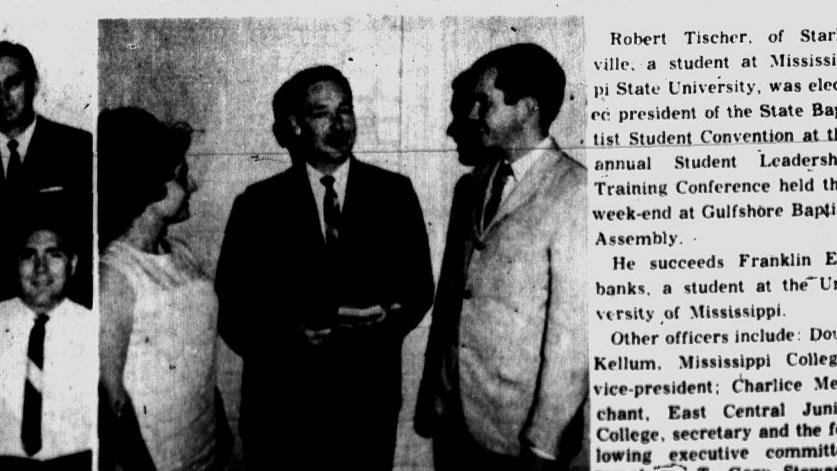
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## Missing Worker Of BSSB Suffers Case Of Amnesia

NASHVILLE (BP)—An employee of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, missing from work and home for nine days, was located April 8 in Kansas City, Mo.

Graves O. Collins, 32, audio-visual librarian in the board's

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Robert Tischer, of Starkville, a student at Mississippi State University, was elected president of the State Baptist Student Convention at the annual Student Leadership Training Conference held this week-end at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

He succeeds Franklin Ebanks, a student at the University of Mississippi.

Other officers include Doug Kellum, Mississippi College vice-president; Charlie Merchant, ECJC, secretary; T. Gary Stewart, Millsaps, exec. com.; Jerry Lynn Murff, USM, exec. com.; Dr. Virgil Benson, Ole Miss, faculty advisor; John W. Tadlock, Colliin, student director; Rev. Ralph B. Winters, Jackson, state student director, ex-officio. (Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, pastor advisor, is not shown.)

DR. GRAY ALLISON, associate in Division of Evangelism of the North Mission Board, discusses New Testament evangelism with two students just following his message on that subject. They are Susan Dobbs, Blue Mountain, and Franklin Ebanks, Ole Miss, convention president. More than 500 students were present for the annual conference.

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## Pascagoula Couple Is Appointed For Italy

RICHMOND, Va.—Mr. and Mrs. James D. Watts, natives of Mississippi, were appointed missionaries to Italy on April 11 during a three-day meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.

Mr. Watts expects to assist Italian Baptists with church music. He is now minister of music for Baras - Triumph Baptist Church, Baras, La. He and Mrs. Watts live in New Orleans, La., where he is a student in New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and she is a schoolteacher.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Watts grew up in Pascagoula, though he was born in Philipp, Miss., and she, the former Charlotte Lowe, was born in Carthage, Miss. They became well acquainted as teen-agers in Pascagoula's Calvary Baptist Church, where she played the piano and he often directed the music.

Mr. Watts attended Perkinston (Miss.) Junior College and graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton, with the bachelor of music degree and from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., with the master of sacred music degree.

Before entering New Orleans Seminary last fall for additional study in theology, he was minister of music for College Place Baptist Church, Monroe, La., more than two years. Previously he worked with churches in Natchez, Laurel, and Crystal Springs, Miss., Tallulah, La., and Louisville. He served in the U. S. Army for two years, spending part of that time as a chaplain's assistant in West Berlin.

Mrs. Watts attended Mississippi Southern College (now the University of Southern Mississippi), Hattiesburg, and received bachelor of arts degrees from both Mississippi College and Northeast Louisiana State College, Monroe.

She taught in Henryville, Ind., for one year while her husband was a student in Louisville.

Mr. Watts describes his decision for foreign missions as a "culmination of all life experiences," citing the influences of his home, various

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## SERIES T. U. STATE FINALS PLANNED

The schedule of meetings follows: May 4, First Church, Oxford; 5, First, Columbus; 6, Calvary, Jackson; 8, First, Greenville; 9, First, Hattiesburg; and 10, Parkside, Natchez.

At all the meetings except Jackson the Junior and Intermediate drills will be at 4:30 p. m. with the young people and adult events at 7:00 p. m.

At the Jackson meeting all events will be from 2:00-4:00 p. m.

On May 12 a state selection tournaments will be held at Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson for the State Final winners in speaker's tournament and sword drill.

The two first place winners there in each case will represent the state at the convention-wide events to be held this summer at the Southern Baptist assemblies at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M.

Norman Rodgers, associate in the Training Union Department, will direct the series of meetings.

## Challenge "Church Renewal" Proposal

(Continued from page 1) pattern. Thousands of truly converted Christians in other denominations will flock into Baptist Churches for a place of Bible refuge to preserve their convictions.

The historic Baptist position of "separateness" or "isolationism" — if you please — is today proving its value and power in the world. The Baptists are growing so fast that they are today the largest Christian denomination in America! The Southern Baptist Convention in recent years has spread all over the United States to where we have begun to discuss changing the name by leaving off the word "Southern" and adopting a name to match the national growth of our Churches! Where then, and from hence, arises any danger to "survival" for the Baptists as we face the future?

The only "renewal" the Baptists need is a renewal of their enthusiasm for our doctrines, and an aggressiveness in evangelism to exalt the Great Head Of The Church

and His simple plan of salvation in the midst of all conditions which come upon the earth. We are now planning a Revival Crusade for all the Americas for 1969. The world's greatest Evangelist today is Billy Graham, and in the providence of God, he is a Baptist!

Dr. Johnson also discusses Christian education in relation to the survival of our Christian colleges. He is in favor of accepting Government money by our Baptist colleges. All this plea for Federal money for Baptist Schools is based on the idea of putting our Christian schools in competition with tax-supported universities. The whole purpose of the modern education is to abolish Christian education.

Our Baptist colleges have produced great Baptist leadership in the past. They will continue to do so for the future if we keep them under Baptist ownership and Baptist control. Christian education is different, and the difference is what makes them Christian.



**ASSOCIATED CHURCH PRESS OFFICERS—NEW YORK**—Dr. W. C. Fields, left, editor of the Baptist Program and public relations secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, was elected president of the Associated Church Press at its annual meeting in New York. Other officers are, from second left: Dr. Kenneth Wilson, executive editor of the non-denominational Christian Herald, first vice-president; Ben R. Hartley, editor of the Presbyterian Survey, second vice-president; Kenneth I. Morse, editor of the Messenger (Church of the Brethren), re-elected treasurer; and the Rev. Alfred P. Klausler, a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod clergyman and long-time editor, who remains as the ACP's first full-time executive secretary. The ACP has 192 member publications, including two which are Catholic.—RNS Photo.

## Board Cancels Crusade

(Continued from Page 1) so revealed South African Baptists had asked that no smokers, no "liberals" (theologically) and no members of a certain service club be recruited.

The Capital Baptist, official publication of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, came out editorially deplored the stipulations and raising the question of what effect such agreements would have on foreign mission fields as well as in the U.S.

Euell F. Lawson, associate director of the evangelism division at the Home Mission Board, who was to recruit the preachers, said at the time of the first stipulation on speaking about race:

"We do not feel that we should cut ourselves off from fellowship and contact with other Baptists because of restrictions imposed by some government. We're going over there for one purpose — to preach the good news so people can be saved."

Lawson said, however, that we would not agree to the later restriction on separating the evangelists.

**ATLANTA (BP)**—Southern Baptist evangelism director C. E. Autrey said not only the race issue but a theological concept was involved in the decision to cancel participation in the South Africa Revival Crusade.

"The concept is simply this: that it is not enough to preach Jesus as Saviour, we must preach Him as Lord and Saviour," Autrey said.

"To bring them (men) to Christ as Saviour can be done without mentioning the race issue, but the converts cannot be taught to live as Christians without teaching them their relations to all people," he said.

"We must lead all converts, therefore, to recognize the lordship of Jesus."

Autrey said that dignity and freedom of the individual con-

stitute part of the purpose of the whole gospel.

"It is my opinion that if there had existed a Home Mission Board in the Middle East soon after the ascension of the Lord Jesus, and if all the implications of the gospel had been thoroughly pursued, Christianity would not have died in Palestine and in the Middle East," he said.

The issue of human dignity and freedom existed in Palestine and in the Middle East and still does, as it does all over the world, he said.

"If Christianity had faced this issue and taught its converts to live like Christians and respect the dignity of all men, it might not have died there," the evangelism leader said.

"It is a sobering thought to realize that Christianity may die in North America for the same reason."

Autrey again emphasized that the church must teach redeemed men to live as Christians should live.

"I refuse to substitute social actions for the gospel of redemption, but neither would I stop short of teaching new converts their obligations and relations as Christians," he said.

"We must practice our gospel as well as preach it," he said. "Thus, it is not either-or, but it is both-and."

But along with the reading of the modern dialogue on the church — isn't that word dialogue a sophisticated one? — almost as snooty as confrontation and encounter — I read again the Book of Acts.

I suspect it might help our perspective if we could see the church not as a correction officer, a rehabilitation expert, not a member of a heavenly "peace corps" but as a fellowship of believers preaching the gospel, upholding each other as they seek to lift up the world by bringing men to Christ.

As I said, I'm not going to throw in the towel for my church. We're not big. We're not impressive, but I judge my church is doing a pretty good job by New Testament standards.

In these frontier areas like Ohio where for years the emphasis by "the church" has been on a social gospel, ecumenicity and social action, Southern Baptists are finding an acceptance on the basis that their churches are gospel preaching, fellowshipping, lightgiving colonies.

My church is not very big, but I think it's doing right well. It could do better and I'm going to pray to that end and hope to be sincere enough to work to that end. The criticism is not going to bother me too much. I figure if we stay close to the New Testament pattern we'll not go too far wrong.

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(Continued from Page 1) eration by God. He sent His Son into the world to share the human condition even to death and to build a bridge to man and Himself."

The retreat began Friday evening and adjourned Sunday morning following a message by Rev. Bill Nimmons, associate pastor of First Baptist Church in Starkville.

More than 500 Baptist students from 30 campuses in the state were present.

Other speakers included

Larry Allison, associate in Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Miss Attis Mae Popwell, missionary nurse at Sellers Baptist Home, New Orleans, and Dr. Gray Allison, associate in Division of Evangelism, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

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Mr. and Mrs. Watts have three children, Timothy Dale, seven, Daniel Dale, five, and Amy Elizabeth, nearly four.

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# Clergymen May Be Required To Join Social Security

WASHINGTON (BP)—Ministers should be treated no differently from other people under the Social Security law on the basis of conscience or religious liberty, according to a staff report by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here.

The occasion of the Baptist Joint Committee's report is a bill in Congress introduced by Rep. George M. Rhodes (D., Pa.). Hearings have been completed on the bill by the House Ways and Means Committee.

At present ministers are classified as "self-employed" under the Social Security law. As such their participation in Social Security is now voluntary.

If passed, the Rhodes bill would make Social Security coverage for all ministers as self-employed persons automatic unless they individually applied for exemption.

According to the new bill, ministerial exemption from Social Security would be acceptable only if the minister objects on grounds of conscience.

"Since the proposal leaves the minister in the self-employed status, the change suggested by the Rhodes bill does not directly affect churches or church agencies," according to the Baptist Joint Committee staff report.

The report says there is no

record of an erosion of religious freedom of persons or churches or church agencies in the administration of the Social Security program to date. Hence, it continues, "the Social Security program as it now operates should not be viewed as a threat to proper church-state separation."

Although the report recognizes that there may be reasons other than religion in objection to the Social Security program, it states that "the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has nothing to add to the purely political and economic controversies raised by the program."

The Baptist Joint Committee staff expressed the view that the Rhodes bill should not be opposed "for any reasons related to religious liberty or church-state relations when it is compared to the present program."

On the other hand, the report says, "We suggest that denominational leaders who have special concern with the retirement needs of ministers and the general conditions of employment of the clergy should assess the economic advantages and disadvantages of the proposed change."

Looking at the record thus far the report points out that about 75 per cent of all ministers have chosen to be un-

der Social Security. Ninety-five per cent of older ministers are covered. Sixty per cent of younger ministers are covered.

"As a result of this difference," the report continued, "the percentage covered will drop over the long run because for filing the waiver of exemption has passed."

The staff report points out that in the early days of Social Security the denominations were hesitant about including church employees because of a fear of improper church-state involvement. However, with 30 years of experience with Social security "we think the day of hesitancy is past," it says.

The report adds that the denominations can now "re-evaluate their past stands and move to a more positive posture respecting Social Security approaches to the reconsideration: (1) freedom of conscience, (2) special treatment of the clergy, (3) separation of church and state, and (4) the rights of the person."

In conclusion the report says, "We think that the right of the individual should be primary in discussions of this program. Of course, the institutional relationships it affects should be carefully regarded, but these are of secondary concern."

"Churches and their agencies may properly be expected to make some adjustments to honor the rights at issue. This is, in fact, about where both Baptists and the nation have arrived in practice. We think what has been achieved in practice can be defended confidently as a value for the person and the society."

## 'Educator' Cover Features Carey

For the third time in 18 months William Carey College has been featured on the cover of the *Southern Baptist Educator* magazine.

In the recent March 1967 issue, two William Carey College students, Stanley Howell, president of the Baptist Student Union, and Glenda Singley, editor of the school newspaper, were photographed beside a large world globe. The theme of the school newspaper was "The Better World Through Christ-

ian Education." The picture was made by Carey's student photographer Jim Hanson.

Two previous Carey cover photos on the *Baptist Educator* were featured at Christmas 1965 and Christmas 1966.



Left to right: Al Benton, Mrs. Carey Cox, Rev. Carey Cox.

## ON 15th ANNIVERSARY—

### Ist, Brandon, Surprises Pastor With "Passport" To Holy Land

Rev. and Mrs. Carey E. Cox were honored by the membership of First Church, Brandon, Sunday morning, March 19, on the completion of his fifteen years as pastor of the church, with the gift of a trip to the Holy Land. Approximately 200 families took part in the secret "Passport for our Pastor" fund in preparation for the day, giving \$3,001.43.

Plans for the surprise presentation were made by Fred C. McRae, chairman of deacons; Mrs. G. H. Graves, president of Woman's Missionary Union; Al Benton, chairman of special services; and A. J. Comfort, Jr., of the special services committee; and the deacons.

At the conclusion of the morning worship service Mr. McRae introduced Mr. Benton, who made the presentation of the book of memories, listing all who had taken part, and the check. C. H. Kennedy, chairman of the finance committee, escorted Mrs. Cox to the platform.

The church choir, under the direction of Rev. Arlis V.

Nichols, sang a special arrangement of "Amazing Grace," in the pastor's honor. This favorite of his hymns had been sung when the church paid tribute to him on his tenth anniversary.

The congregation, which filled the balcony and lower floor of the sanctuary, sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" in concluding the service.

Rev. and Mrs. Cox will be a part of the Holy Land tour to be conducted by Dr. Chester L. Quarles July 18-Aug. 9, 1967.

First, Brandon has experienced tremendous growth in the fifteen years of Mr. Cox's ministry. Church membership has increased from 447 to 738, Sunday School enrollment from 371 to 740, Training Union enrollment from 146 to 352, not including Robin Hood Mission, sponsored by the church. Value of the church property has increased from \$102,500 to \$465,000. Last year the church gave \$13,863 to missions out of \$83,185 receipts.



DR. GARLAND HENDRICKS



DR. WILSON BRUMLEY

DR. GARLAND HENDRICKS, professor of church community development, Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. (left) and Dr. C. Wilson Brumley, secretary of the Department of Rural Urban Missions of the Home Mission Board, will be two of the featured speakers at the Pastor-Missionary Retreat to be held at Camp Garaway April 24-28. Pastors and superintendents of missions from every section of the state are expected, according to Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary of Cooperative Missions Department.

## ROUSE, STEVENS—

### MC APPOINTS NEW DIVISION CHAIRMEN

Two new division chairmen and a number of faculty promotions have been announced by Mississippi College following approval of the Board of trustees.

Dr. Sarah A. Rouse, currently serving as dean of women and professor of English, has been promoted to chairman of the Division of Humanities. She is replacing Dr. Louis Dollarhide who has resigned effective the end of this school year to join the faculty of another college.

The new chairman of the Division of Religion will be Dr. William W. Stevens, currently professor of Bible and New Testament Greek. He will take over the duties formerly held by Dr. E. R. Pin-

son. Dr. Pinson, as professor of Bible, will devote full-time to teaching.

Both of the new chairmen are long-time members of the Mississippi College staff. Dr. Rouse joined the college in 1959, coming from Florida State University where she taught while completing work for her doctor of philosophy degree in English.

Dr. Stevens joined the college staff in 1955. He holds the bachelor of arts degree from Marshall University and the master of theology and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Other Promotions

Two teachers have been elevated to the rank of full

professor and given additional administrative duties. Dr. Charles E. Martin will be professor and head of the Department of Foreign Languages, while Dr. Joe M. Cooper will be professor and head of the newly created Department of Philosophy.

Both professors are graduates of Mississippi College. Dr. Martin received his Ph.D. in languages at Tulane University and Dr. Cooper the doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Mildred Crider has been promoted to associate professor in the department of education, while Miss Rosemary Thompson and Louis Temple, both currently on leave for



DR. CLAUDE RHEA

### Rhea Is Elected FMB Consultant

Dr. Claude H. Rhea, Jr., vice-president for administrative affairs for Houston (Tex.) Baptist College, was elected music consultant for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in its full spring meeting, April 10-12. He will begin his new work June 1.

"Dr. Rhea is known throughout all Southern Baptist life as one of the most gifted and dedicated men in the field of church music," said Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board. "He will bring great reinforcement in the planning of evangelistic efforts overseas." Dr. Cauthen said the election of a music consultant is an indication of the maturation of Baptist churches and conventions overseas.

Dr. Rhea has become familiar to Southern Baptists as soloist for 10 annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention, soloist and music leader for five Woman's Missionary Union conventions and musician for countless other gatherings. He has recorded five albums, composed *The Creation* (Broadman Music, 1961), contributed articles to denominational publications, and authored two books, *A Child's Life in Song* (Broadman Press, 1964) and *Claude Rhea's Favorite Gospel Songs* (Broadman, 1966).

He has presented sacred concerts and lectured for the Foreign Mission Board in many countries and institutions. He just returned April 4 from concert tour of Jordan and Lebanon.

tian Education." The picture was made by Carey's student photographer Jim Hanson.

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## BMC Sets . . .

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Mississippi State University and the fourth man graduate of Blue Mountain College.

The presentation of the Blue Mountain trustees' resolution to name the Administration Building in memory of Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, who served for thirty-five years as president of the institution, will be made by the Honorable Joe Jack Hurst, Jackson, chairman of the board.

The address of response will be delivered by Mrs. C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N.C., a member of the class of 1931. Prayer will be led by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

At 12:00 noon the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new dormitory will be held on the front campus area, the site of the new building.

The alumnae luncheon will be held in Ray Dining Hall at 12:15 noon.

At 1:15 p.m., the alumnae afternoon session will be held in Garrett Auditorium for the purpose of honoring members of six special reunion classes — 1966, 1962, 1952, 1942, 1932, and 1917.

At 3:00 p.m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium the Junior Class will present the 1967 May Festival, which is still the big secret of Blue Mountain's traditional practice of sixty-seven years. May Day.

A cast of ten players will entertain the guests immediately after the coronation of Queen Noveta Smith, Pensacola, Florida, who will be attended as Maid of Honor by Miss Nancy Myers.

"John Brown's Body," by Stephen Vincent Benet, the Spring Speech Production of the College, will be presented on Friday, May 5, at 8:00 p.m. in Garrett Auditorium and again on Saturday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m. especially for the Alumnae Day visitors.

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## Current Issues In Baptist Life

By Wayne E. Ward

Professor of Theology  
Southern Baptist Theological  
Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

### Should Baptism Be Postponed In Some Cases?

Some of our leading Baptist pastors and teachers have suggested that baptism should be postponed in some cases until a level of Christian maturity has been attained. This has been recommended especially in the case of young children who may not be able to understand or accept the responsibilities of church membership.

There is reason for concern about the careless acceptance of people, both young and old, without instilling in them the serious responsibilities of church membership. However, the suggestion that baptism be postponed until the child reaches puberty, or the suggestion that persons be held in kind of probationary or conditional church membership until they have demonstrated a certain measure of Christian growth introduces a dangerous distortion of the New Testament teaching about baptism.

Baptism, in the New Testament, is a sign of Christian beginning — not the sign of Christian maturity. It was, in fact, exactly the point at which the early Christians publicly proclaimed his faith in Christ! Over and over again, the Greek words of the New Testament proclaim that one is "baptized into the name of Christ." It was by the act of baptism that one was publicly identified with Christ, and it marked the beginning of the Christian journey. What we usually locate today in the invitation at the close of an

evangelistic service—the public profession of faith in Christ as Savior—was centered in the act of baptism in New Testament times. This does not mean that baptism saves one, any more than walking down an aisle can save one. It means that by the act of burial and resurrection from the waters of baptism, the Christian was declaring his death to an old way of life and his resurrection to walk in a new life with Christ. It was the outward declaration of the inner experience of faith in Christ.

Sometimes appeal is made to the example of our mission fields, where baptism may be postponed for months or years. Sometimes Baptists in foreign countries are praised for holding baptismal candidates back for a year or so until they have proved themselves as Christians. But these are not really cases of postponing baptism! This is a case of the need for teaching and training before the person is even able to know what it means to confess Christ as Savior. There are certainly many cases where, in our own country, people need to be taught a great deal before they are ready to make a public declaration of faith in Christ. But whenever they are ready to do that, they are ready to be baptized; because that is what baptism means.

It is dismaying to find that some Baptist groups in

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## CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK

(May 7-14)

and

## MOTHER'S DAY

(May 14)



## Our Community Of Homes!

★ The emphasis and the aim of Christian Home Week is the emphasis and aim of the Church's Child Care Agency—to operate and maintain an entire community of homes of proper authority, filled with children who live amid love and a hope which is nurtured in the reverence of God; and intensity of belonging which results in both security and acceptance for children who are developing wholesome personalities.

★ The Baptist Children's Village is a mission field, addressing itself to the emphasis of Christian Home Week throughout the year.

★ Village children, at an average rate of 260 per year, come to our agency for care because the emphasis of Christian Home Week has been eliminated from their natural homes.

★ Effective 1967, NO other appeals for cash support for the Village will be made to Baptist Churches, upon whom we depend for approximately 70% of our minimum cash needs.

★ In recognition of the importance of your Christian Home and ours, will you support a worthy MOTHER'S DAY offering for The Children's Village in your church this year?

"When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up..." (Psalms 27:10)

## The Baptist Children's Village

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## THE EDITORIAL PAGE

Thursday, April 20, 1967

**The Baptist Record**

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

**Two Groups**

Two groups of young people were in action last Saturday. One was the thousands of young people (and older people, too) who marched in New York City and San Francisco, in protest rallies against our government's policies in the war in Viet Nam. The other group assembled at Gulfshore for study, planning, and prayer, concerning the programs of Baptist Student Work on the campuses of Mississippi colleges and universities during the coming year.

The larger groups were listening to the rantings of fanatics who were shouting their defiance of their nation's leaders and announcing their refusal to support the programs which have been set by our government in their attempt to stop the march of Communism in the world. The smaller group was hearing the challenges of Christian leaders, who were showing them from God's Word the way that Christian groups can meet the needs of men in this tragic hour, and were themselves planning how, under God, they could lead the young people of our state in a march of spiritual triumph for our nation and for God.

We hear much more today concerning young people who reject God, the church, moral standards, patriotism, and many other values which most of us count very dear, than about the vast majority of young people who do not join these marchers and protesters, but instead serve the nation, and, many of them, God, without fanfare or publicity. We are convinced that it is these latter young people who ultimately must save our nation from the destructive forces which are loose in the world.

These young people meeting at Gulfshore are representative of that fine group, upon which the very future of the world depends. We sometimes get a bit discouraged when we hear and see some of the things some modern young people are doing, but our faith is renewed and strengthened when we remember that the non-demonstrators are quietly making plans for giving a witness for Christ, and for using their influence for building their world according to God's plans. Since we know that the ultimate victory is the Lord's, we shall continue to count on these young people as the victors, no matter how much noise the other group makes.

**A Matter Of Infinite Value**

By Dr. James L. Pletsch  
Pastor, First Church  
Panama, Florida

The young man was having a hard time in the Seminary. When he had decided to become a minister he had assumed that he would automatically be exempt from many of the trials and tribulations of life. It didn't take him long to discover this just isn't true. He decided to drop out of school and forget about the whole idea. Prior to doing so he wrote his pastor back home a letter telling him of his intentions. He had tried, he really had, but it just wasn't going to work. From the time he had arrived at the Seminary there had been just one problem after another. Besides he felt all alone in this strange city. There was no one to whom he could turn.

The wise old pastor read the letter very carefully. His reply to the young man was certainly strange. Instead of writing a letter, his pastor simply clipped out a little poem and mailed it to him. The poem was a conversation that took place between two birds. The discouraged student opened the letter and read: "Said the robin to the wren, 'I would surely like to know why these restless human beings rush about and worry so.' Said the wren to the robin, 'It surely must be that they have no Heavenly Father such as cares for you and me.'"

The young man got the message. He didn't drop out of school nor did he give up the ministry. He was made to realize that he was not alone in life and that, he too, had a Father who cared.

In the eyes of God your life is of infinite value. Jesus said, "Fear not, ye are of more value than many sparrows."

When you are blue and lonely, when you feel that no one cares, perhaps you need to listen to the conversation of the robin and the wren. The philosophy of these two can change your life.

The Egyptians decorated their walls with paintings in which both the figures represented and the colors used had symbolic meanings.

And these were his gifts:  
some to be apostles,  
some prophets,  
some evangelists,  
some pastors  
and teachers,  
to equip God's people  
for work  
in his service,  
to the  
building up  
of the body  
of Christ.

*Ephesians 4:11-12 NER*

LIFE COMMITMENT SUNDAY, April 30, provides an opportunity for every church to start a concern in its members for total commitment of life in all areas of work and leisure as well as church vocations.—BSSB Photo

**Newest In Books****THE NEW SCOFIELD REFERENCE BIBLE** (Oxford, five bindings, from \$7.25 (cloth) to \$27.50)

A completely new edition of one of the most popular reference Bibles ever published. The publication is the culmination of ten years of intensive work by a committee of distinguished evangelical scholars, of which Dr. E. Schuyler English was chairman. The King James Version is used, although certain obscure or obsolete words and terms have been replaced by modern terms, with the original word carried in the margin. The introductions to the

whole Bible, the various sections, and to each book are retained, although they have been brought up to date, on the basis of latest scholarly findings. The paragraphing and headings for the paragraphs are retained though revised. The well known note system is retained with notes at the bottoms of many pages, although these, too, have been revised and brought up to date. These notes are easier to use because the verse to

which they refer is given at the beginning of the notation. The references are greatly increased, especially in the New Testament, where they are

moved from the center column to the margins. The chain reference system is retained. The notes are indexed, and the subject index and concordance are combined. The maps are new and easy to use.

The interpretation of the Bible has not changed from the older Scofield system, although many of the notes and interpretations have been altered and brought up to date to the consensus of opinion of modern day evangelical scholars holding these views. While one may disagree with this interpretation, he will have to admit that "there is no liberal

Education Week, let us consider how we may help our youngsters develop moral and spiritual strength to accept proudly the challenge to build a better future for all mankind."

Such a proclamation is most timely, and we salute those congressmen who promoted the resolution, and thus suggested to the president that such a week be observed. Some organizations are taking advantage of the emphasis, and will be promoting temperance education during the week. Many more should do so.

Never have the young people of the nation needed temperance education more. In this day when they continually are being bombarded with the pressures of destructive groups, through radio, television, the printed page, and in other ways, they need all of the moral and spiritual guidance which they can get.

Young people need to see the truth about what liquor, immortality, gambling and other evil forces will do to them, and need to be given spiritual guidance and strength to resist them. Every adult Christian, who has any concern whatsoever for the future of our youth, needs to join in the effort to see that proper teaching and guidance is provided. The Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission is working diligently in all of these fields. It should have the support of every Baptist in the state.

Moreover, every Christian citizen should help to insure that proper temperance and moral training is given in the public schools. The laws of Mississippi call for such temperance education in the schools, and all of us should seek to make sure that it is being taught in the schools in our areas.

Such training also must be given in the churches. Materials for use in such emphasis in the churches can be secured from the Christian Action Commission, Box 350, Jackson. These include tracts, posters, programs, films, etc.

Christians must offset the efforts of the liquor, gambling and other immoral groups, in their drive to reach American youth, with an equal emphasis on the truth concerning these matters.

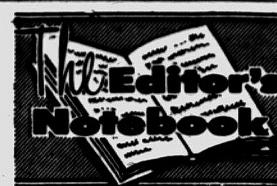
**Quotables**

SELECTED BY THE EDITOR FROM CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT AND OPINION

**He who prays for his neighbor will be heard for himself.**—Hebrew Proverb.

"Lord, I shall be verie busie this day; I may forget thee. But doe thou not forget me."

—Gen. Sir Jacob Astby, 1579-1652

**'NO MAN TAKES THIS HONOR'**

No preacher is man-made or self-made. If he is a man of God, he is God-made.

Before God makes a minister He first calls him. "Called of God" is a phrase used many times in the Old and New Testaments.

The idea of having a "call to the ministry" is now thought by some to be obsolete. But nothing is clearer from the Scripture than the fact that only God chooses His prophets and priests. If any man assumes the office of a minister without the call of God he is an imposter.

The call to the ministry is an honor. The God of creation and of redemption has selected a person through whom He can speak. Something like the Secretary of State or the Prime Minister speaks for his government. The minister is a representative of God.

Because God has honored a person with a call to the ministry, we also must honor him. Every minister, as a representative of God, merits our respect even though he may fall short of our ideals and expectations. And those ministers who conscientiously apply themselves to the work of the ministry are "worthy of double honor"—honor for their calling and honor for their work.

—Wesleyan Methodist

**Only Hope—Return To Evangelism**

A secularized Christianity dismisses the Gospel of faith and salvation as having little relevance to life and accepts instead "another gospel," drawn from platforms of political, social, and intellectual liberalism. The vital spiritual dimension of the encounter between God and man is virtually ignored . . . what God has done yields to what society must do; good news is replaced by good intentions; and evangelism disappears in favor of reform.

—C. Darby Fulton, in Christianity Today

**Calendar of Prayer**

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

April 24 — Richard P. Adams - Union supt. of missions; Mrs. Dee Grantham, assistant dean of women, Mississippi College.

April 25 — Lillian W. Heiderhoff, Baptist Book Store; Minnie James, Baptist Book Store.

April 26 — Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent, Children's Village; James A. Breland, Baptist student director, Delta State College.

April 27 — Mrs. Victor Vaughn, assistant registrar, Clarke College; J. Clifford Watson, dean, Clarke College.

April 28 — Miss Evelyn Keyes, Baptist Building; Miss Waudine Storey, Baptist Building.

April 29 — Mrs. Ben Sanford, director of Department of Mathematics, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. M. C. Waldrop, hostess in Ray Dining Hall at BMC.

April 30 — D. C. Martin, dean of student affairs, Wm. Carey College; George Mills, chemistry professor, William Carey College.

**Current Issues ---**

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foreign countries keep people on probation for a year or more to make sure that they have not attended a movie or slipped around and smoked a cigarette before they will admit them to baptism. It is well and good to have moral standards, but these ought to be taught within the discipline of church membership.

This is the order of the Great Commission: "And as you go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them . . ." and then comes teaching: "teaching them to observe all the things which I have commanded you" (literal translation) (Matt. 28:19,20).

At the exact point where a person is ready to confess Christ as Savior and Lord, baptism should come—no earlier and no later. For that is what baptism means!

An old bachelor was asked why he never married, and he said it was because he was always looking for a woman who would make a perfect wife. When asked if he ever found such a woman, he answered: "Yes, once, but she was looking for a man who would make a perfect husband."

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# KENTUCKY SOUTHERN RECONSIDERED

By W. Howard Bramlette

Perhaps no outsider can know all of the background details concerning the establishment of Kentucky Southern College, its convention sponsorship, its financial involvements, and the severance of the school from convention control. But some things can be said:

President Burhans' prediction (Baptist Press release, March 13) that the school's separation from official denominational control "is the direction that inevitably every church-related college that does not have tremendous endowment funds will a confusing and unfortunate have to follow ultimately" is statement. It is capable of much misinterpretation. From it, already, unwarranted con-

clusions are being drawn.

Actually, no other school is like Kentucky Southern College. It is unique. Dr. Burhans has stressed his own reluctance at the early takeover of the school by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky before achievement of accreditation and financial strength, which he preferred to have first.

Further, it seems the school spent money "promised by the leadership of the convention," before that, money was actually in hand. In its rush toward providing basic buildings essential for full accreditation at the earliest possible moment, it spent money it did not have. This is bad business.

Thus, funds allocated originally for operating expenses

were used to cover capital expenditures and debt services. This is also bad business.

While the possibility always exists that at some future time other Baptist schools will sever relationships with the states, which own, control, and support them, (who can predict Baptists?) it is not true that inevitably every church-related college that does not have tremendous endowment funds will follow Kentucky Southern. All of our schools need more money, for salaries, equipment, new programs, research, and endowment. But not all of them are insolvent.

Editor Chancery Daley wisely noted (Western Recorder, March 16) the friendly parting of the school and the denomination and men-

tions this might prove to be the way Baptists in other states will approach the severe problem of higher education today. Probably the separation in this case was wise, though sad, as he says. However, it is difficult to substantiate the following two statements in that editorial:

(1) "The school (Kentucky Southern) can be just as Christian as an independent, private college as it could be as a Baptist school." There are many examples close at hand which give evidence that exactly the opposite is the case.

(2) "Kentucky Baptists can ever live without regret for having made a significant contribution toward the realization of a dream and for helping make a school that might well serve Baptists better in the future than in the past?" How?, one might ask.

While admiring this easy transition and the absence of fireworks or rancor, I believe it should be emphasized that all Baptist schools do not have to follow this route and come to this end. Each school and its support will likely be considered individually in the future, in the light of that school's unique needs and possibilities. If severance comes, it would come, then, only for reasons peculiarly germane to an individual school's situation and not because a non-applicable "precedent" was set by Kentucky Southern College.

Certainly Kentucky Southern's action establishes no observable trend. There will not be any great rush to emulate the action of this school for the same reasons. While finances are critical in many schools, no other, to my knowledge, is as deeply in debt, proportionately, as was Kentucky Southern.

One thing Baptists will do well to consider is underscored by the action noted here. Baptists ought not to be in the business these days of starting and relinquishing schools. Perhaps a corollary principle should be: Let us stop starting them in the first place until we have strengthened the colleges we already have or until adequate financing has been secured.

## War Experience Leads To Mission Commitment



REV. AND MRS. I. DEAN DENMARK, of Lumberton, N.C., were appointed missionaries to Nigeria on March 9 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Mr. Denmark traces the beginning of his missionary commitment to the 10 months he spent in a communist prison during the Korean War.

When Rev. I. Dean Denmark stood before the Foreign Mission Board asking to represent Southern Baptists overseas, he traced the beginning of his missionary concern to the bleak setting of a communist prison in Korea. But he didn't mention the Silver Star Medal he received in 1953 for gallantry in action in the Korean War, and he seemed a bit surprised when a news writer from the Board's press office, who had stumbled upon the information accidentally, started probing.

The 35-year-old Georgian, now pastor of West Lumberton Church, Lumberton, N.C., and his wife, the former Mary Ann McGrady, also a Georgian, were among the 14 missionaries appointed by the Foreign Mission Board at its March meeting. The Den-

marks will go to Nigeria, where he will help with the administrative business of a large missionary staff in addition to preaching. He has a college degree in accounting, and was an accountant before entering the ministry.

Dean Denmark was 19 and in college when his National Guard unit was mobilized soon after the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950. After more than two years of training, he was sent overseas. Captured the first time he went into combat, the young lieutenant spent 10 months in prison.

"War epitomized to me all the brokenness of humanity," says the former Foreign Mission Board. "The innocent suffering was appalling. I prayed and examined every phase of my life, and the urgent demand kept coming through

the years."

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## Medical Doctors, Personnel Will Discuss Missions

MIAMI (AP) — About 200 Baptist doctors, dentists and other medical personnel are expected to attend a breakfast briefing on foreign medical missions May 30 here during the Southern Baptist Convention.

Purpose of the meeting is to expose Baptist medical people to the world-wide opportunities to serve humanity, said Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the SBC Foreign Missions Board.

Theme of the 7 a.m. breakfast in Miami's Columbus Hotel will be "A Call to The Baptist Medical Profession to a Greater Witness."

THE BRUSSELS WORLD FAIR SKY RIDE is at Lakeland, Dixie's answer to Disneyland, located in Memphis, Tenn. Yazoo City juniors and seniors will visit Lakeland during their 1967 "From."

## TO TAKE SKY RIDE IN MEMPHIS

### Yazoo City Young People Make Plans For '67 "From"

At the request of some fine Christian young people, First Church, Yazoo City, inaugurated in the spring of 1957 a program of post-graduation entertainment. These juniors and seniors desired a good time on graduation night without having to compromise convictions and inviting the regrets and moral hang-overs that customarily follow the "good times" usually observed on such occasions. Because of this, the event became known as the "FROM."

From its beginning, with fifty-three persons in attendance, the "FROM" has grown to become a big venture in the lives of Christian young people in the community. In 1961 First, Yazoo City extended an invitation to other churches in the community to participate in this event. Each year more churches become involved and the event now includes churches in Yazoo City and some from within the county.

Activities participated in by those attending the "FROM" have included charter bus trips, bowling, banquets, and various assortments of spectator entertainment. Last year the "Fromers" traveled to Vicksburg for a steak supper and an evening aboard the Sprague, which featured a full-length black face minstrel.

This year the "FROM" will take on a new approach as the activities will include an out-of-state trip to LAKE-LAND, Dixie's answer to Disneyland, located in Memphis, Tennessee. Another new look for this year's "FROM" is that other Baptist Churches from over the state are invit-

ed to join the Yazoo City group for this time of Christian fun and fellowship. Interested pastors or youth workers may secure necessary information for participation in this event by writing or calling Bill Cannady, the Minister of Music and Youth Activities for First Church. The mailing address is Box 780; the telephone number is 746-2471. Rev. James F. Yates is the pastor.



...Musicians at Ridgecrest, Grotto

LLOYD PFAUTSCH (upper R) will conduct classes in choral conducting and interpretation at music leadership conferences scheduled for June 29 - July 5 at Ridgecrest Assembly and July 13-19 at Grotto. Pfautsch, who is director of the music division of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, will also address both conferences. Conductors of the featured music work, which will be the oratorio, "The Passion According to St. Matthew" by Johann Sebastian Bach, will be: (lower L) DuPre Rhame at Ridgecrest and (lower R) Walter O. Dahl at Grotto. Rhame is director of the division of fine arts and professor of music, Furman University, Greenville, S. C. Dahl is chairman of the music department, Chico (Calif.) State College. Music leadership conferences are sponsored by the Sunday School Board's church music department. — BSSB Photo

## Alaska Board Okays Building, Giving Increase

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP) — The Alaska Baptist Executive Board voted here to increase its percentage of missions giving to causes outside the state, and gave initial approval to constructing a new Baptist building not later than 1971.

The board approved increasing its percentage of contributions to Southern Baptist Convention causes each year from 1968 until 1971, stepping up the 28 per cent now being contributed to SBC causes each year.

The board also voted to build a new office building on the present location or other suitable property, and asked the convention's executive secretary to study planning and financing aspects of the building and report to the August meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

In another major action, the board adopted an organizational manual which provides structural and procedural reorganization of the state board.

The program committee of the board recommended the establishment of a trust loan fund to provide short-term interim financing for construction of new churches and purchase of future church sites.

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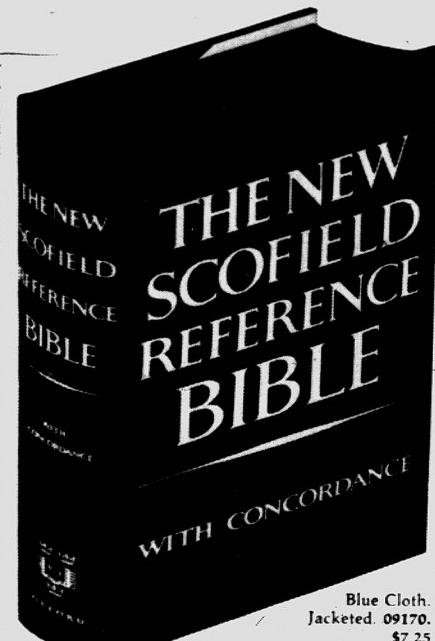
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## TRINITY VOTES TO EXPAND

The Trinity Baptist Church of Fulton voted unanimously Sunday night, April 9, to go into a three point expansion program. The program includes the purchase of adjacent property to be used for parking areas and recreation construction of a two story addition to building and completely remodelling the present church building.

The Building Committee is composed of Boyce McNeese, Chairman; Bill Gregory, Guy Youngblood, Forrest Runey; and Trellie Clayton.

The Landscape Committee is composed of Hollan Little, Chairman; Donald Brinkley, Leonid Smith, Wren Byrd, and Tommy Burkard.

The Finance Committee is composed of Victor Brown, Chairman; Oscar Dulaney and Dr. Senter. The Survey and Planning Committee was composed of Milton Brown, Chairman; Olen Shetland, and Charles Spurrier. The work will begin as soon as the funds can be worked out by Horace C. Thomas, the pastor.

### Carey Alumni Hold Banquet In New Orleans

The William Carey College Alumni chapter at New Orleans held its annual alumni banquet on Thursday evening, April 5, on the campus of New Orleans Seminary. Some 100 persons were in attendance. Bobby Hood, class of '63 and currently serving as Minister of Music and Education at Suburban Church, New Orleans, was in charge.

The program included performances by both the William Carey College Chorale and the Serapone Players who are presently on their Spring tour.

Representing Carey College at the New Orleans banquet were Dr. Ralph Noonester, president; Dr. D. C. Martin, dean of students; Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, director of public relations; and Bill Mitchell, director of admissions. Representing the Executive Committee of the Carey Alumni Association were Alon Colletti, president, and Beth Ann Purnell, secretary.



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## Historical Commission Announces

### Winners Of 'Minutes' Contest

In the summer of 1966 the Historical Commission sent a "Format for Clerks" to the moderate churches in the state for him to use as a guide in preparing associational minutes. The Commission offered awards to the clerks whose minutes conformed more closely to the format, with March 1, 1967 as the deadline for sample copies to be in the office of the Historical Commission, Clinton, Mississippi. The winners of these awards were as follows: Mrs. O. C. Ross, Lafayette Co., First Place winner, \$40.00; Mrs. A. L. Benton, Rankin Co., Second Place winner, \$30.00; Mr. B. L. Clearman, Lamar Co., Third Place winner, \$20.00; and Mr. L. D. Clements, Yalobusha Co., Fourth Place winner, \$10.00.

## Sunday School

### NEW NURSERY FILMSTRIP

"Teaching Nursery Children" is a new filmstrip that is now available in the Baptist Book Store. The 45 frames are in color and the recording is on 7-inch hard record. The filmstrip may be bought with one manual and recording for \$7.00. Also, the new filmstrip will be added to the "Nursery Series" and the new price of the series will be \$15.25.

### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAFLET

A new training leaflet by Chester Vaughn, "A Sunday School Training Plan" will be available in our office in June of this year.

The leaflet will cover these five steps: (1) Resolve to train Sunday School workers (2) Elect a Sunday School Superintendent of training (3) Discover training needs (4) Schedule training opportunities (5) Conduct training opportunities

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### Baptist Preacher Dies At 77

Rev. P. G. (Pat) Harper, died at his home in Myrick community, in Jones County, on January 21. Born November 28, 1889, in Leake County, he had lived for 28 years in Jones County.

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 22 by his pastor, Rev. M. Wicker, assisted by Rev. Jimmy Holder and Rev. J. T. Renfro. Interment was in Bethlehem Cemetery, Jones County.

Mr. Harper was the son of George W. and Mary Harper. He attended public school near Harperville in Scott County, and studied at New Orleans Seminary in 1922 and 1923.

He married Queenie Bailey on September 11, 1917. His wife survives him.

He was a member of Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County, one of many churches he pastored during his years of ministerial work. At the age of 18 he gave his life for service to the Lord, and he was a pastor until his resignation from Antioch Church, Washington County, Alabama, December 18, 1966, just a few weeks before his death. He had served Antioch for 17 years.

A retired funeral director stated, "Brother Harper married more people and conducted more funerals than most any preacher living in Jones County. To know him was to love him. He always had a pleasant word to speak to or about anyone."

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## MUSIC EDUCATION WORKSHOP TO BE AT MC JUNE 12-23

Two recognized authorities in the field of educational music will compose the faculty for the annual Music Education Workshop scheduled for Mississippi College June 12-23.

James E. Green, music consultant for the Silver Burdett Company, and Miss Louise McClure, consultant in music education for the same organization, are scheduled to be the visiting consultants for the two-week meeting.

The workshop, designed for the classroom teacher and specialist in the field of music, will carry three semester hours of college credit. The participant may choose between Music for Children and Music Education in the Elementary School.

The workshop, designed for

the classroom teacher and specialist in the field of music, will carry three semester hours of college credit for the two-week conference. The workshop costs will be \$60 for tuition and \$10 for registration, or \$70 total. Those not desiring college credit will pay only the \$10 registration fee.

## New York Baptists Join Interdenominational Group

NEW YORK (BP) — Southern Baptists here are participating members in a regional Church Plan Commission that includes 10 Protestant denominations and several Councils of Churches.

"We were one of the first to indicate our interest and to pay the fee," James said. "Our representation is listed in terms of our association."

"I haven't thought that we would be able to make much of a contribution," James said. "We will be on the receiving end of needed information, however, and they at least know we are interested."

The Plan Commission will work within a tri-state region that includes 14 counties in New Jersey, 14 in New York and three in Connecticut.

Nearly 20 million people, or one-tenth of the U. S. population, live in this area, James said, and the total is expected to reach 24 million by 1980.

## HMB APPOINTS 4 FROM BMC

The following Blue Mountain College students have been appointed by the Home Mission Board to serve as 1967 summer missionaries to four different states:

Rev. William Patton, Guntown, a current ministerial student, to California; Gayle Douglas, Long Beach, to Colorado; June Smith, Jackson, to Kansas; Nancy Chamberlain, Grenada, to California; Rose Horn, Jackson, Tenn., to Salt Lake City, Utah; Martha Philpot, Camden, Ala., place of service to be announced.

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# The Sunday School Lesson

## THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON—LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM— Peter And John At The Temple

By Clifton J. Allen  
Acts 3

The city of Jerusalem still felt the impact of Pentecost. Wonders and signs had taken place through the apostles. The church had increased to more than three thousand persons, and other persons were being saved day by day. The Christians were gripped by a sense of the Holy Spirit's power in their midst. Other people were favorably disposed toward the Christians. Another significant opportunity now arose—in connection with the healing of the lame beggar at the gate of the Temple—for the preaching of the truth about Jesus Christ. The reality of his resurrection was being demonstrated by the power of his Spirit working through the apostles.

**The Lesson Explained**  
**THE BEGGAR AT THE GATE (vv. 1-3)**  
There was no sudden break on the part of the Christians away from Judaism. Hence, Peter and John were going to the Temple for the regular hour of prayer—three o'clock in the afternoon. At the gate called Beautiful, a well-known beggar, lame from birth, had a regular stand or place. Here he was brought at the hour of prayer—the time and place most propitious for generous response on the part of the people. Surely the beggar knew of the wondrous happenings in Jerusalem in the preceding days. And almost certainly the beggar had seen and known Jesus before his death. In a very real way, the beggar represents human need.

**THE GIFT BETTER THAN MONEY (vv. 4-10)**

Peter and John were alert to the opportunity created by the Holy Spirit. They looked at the beggar with a piercing gaze and instructed him to look at them with intense concentration. The beggar, of course, responded, expectantly waiting for some token of charity. Peter had no money at the time; just why, we do

not know. But he had something far better than money—faith in Jesus Christ of Nazareth and faith to believe that the living Jesus would heal this beggar. The result was observable to all the people as they saw the healed beggar walking, leaping, and praising God as he accompanied Peter and John into the Temple.

**THE EXPLANATION OF THE MIRACLE (vv. 11-16)**

The miracle quickly drew a crowd. Peter was quick to sense the opportune time to proclaim the truth about Jesus. Having disclaimed any power or piety on the part of himself and John to explain the miracle, Peter declared that the God whom all the people worshiped—"the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob"—had glorified his Servant Jesus by this act of healing.

**Truths to Live By**

Power is available to do the work of Christ.—The work involved in the Christian mission is a staggering task. The work to be done in the ongoing program of a church often seems overwhelming. The needs of suffering humanity call for ministries utterly beyond human resources. But we must always see ourselves and the work to be done for Christ in relation to the power of Christ available through his Spirit.

A work done for Christ is an occasion to exalt Christ, never an occasion for vainglory.—The healing of the lame beggar at the gate of the Temple drew the attention and wonder of all the people to Peter and John. They might have been tempted to exalt themselves. Instead, they exalted Christ. Their attitude illustrates what is always appropriate for Christians.

Prayer keeps faith strong.—Following Pentecost, Peter and John may have neglected the matter of prayer. Instead, they diligently cultivated their faith by means of prayer. Faith needs constant cultivation. Communion with God through his Spirit makes his presence more real, makes a person more responsive to his will and makes him more genuinely confident of the Holy Spirit's help. Faith dries up when prayer is neglected.

By Bill Duncan  
Acts 2:41-47

After Pentecost we see the church beginning to function. Before this time the group was small and afraid. Now it seems to be a growing organization made up of people of different backgrounds, but united under the Headship of Christ. The wonderful results of Pentecost were to be continuous. The organization was small, with the offices elected out of need to promote efficiency. The entrance into this group was upon faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. After a person had accepted Christ as Saviour, baptism was administered upon the profession of faith.

The church was still a part of the Jewish community. The first Christians grafted their Christianity on their Judaism. It appears that they were meeting in homes as Christians, and visited the Temple as devout Jews. The full break with Judaism will be seen later in the early history of the church as recorded by the book of Acts.

The best term used to describe the characteristics of the church is that of a fellowship. This was the fellowship of Christians with one another in Christ. A church is a real church when it is a brand of brothers who are sharing their faith, influence and possessions. It had what is called togetherness.

A Fellowship of Learning  
(v. 42)

"They continued in the apostles' doctrine". The word "doctrine" is not passive, but it is active. They were persistent in studying and listening to the apostles as they taught. Most of the converts knew little of the teaching of Jesus; therefore, this church had a great emphasis on equipping the believer for witness.

The worship of the early church was characterized by fear (v. 43) and praise. This awesomeness which is translated fear, has the idea of reverence. The Christian moves in reverence everywhere because he sees the whole earth as the temple of God. Great fear came upon the church because of the death of Ananias and Sapphira and this led them into deeper commitment to God.

We must have reverence for God in our hearts. Worship also must have praise in it. Praise attempts to put God in proper perspective. Praise attributes to God his true worth. They continued in their worship, praising God.

The observance of the Lord's Supper was a definite part of their worship. Many persons felt that the breaking of the bread speaks of the Lord's Supper. It seems that together as members of one family about the one table they took the emblems of bread and the fruit of the vine in memory of Him to proclaim His death on the cross.

**Fellowship of Sharings**  
(v. 44)

These early Christians had an intense feeling of responsibility for each other. It appears that they were so close that when one suffered, they all suffered. A real Christian could not bear to have too much when others have too little. There could have been many who lost possessions and jobs because of their commitment to Christ. There were also the poor which were always present. This does not mean they divided up everything and distributed it evenly among all. Notice the next clause, "As every man had need". They took their own and disposed of it, and gave according to the need.

Among these good people discontent came about the sharing (Acts 6:1-7). This called for the first organization of the church—the deacons. This tension was because some were afraid the fellowship was being broken. The fellowship of learning was so important that lesser men were asked to handle the sharing and the apostle continues with the most important—the Word.

In this kind of church there was something that happened about which the people talked (2:43). The church was happy. They had gladness of heart. God wants his people to be happy in the church. This church had a good reputation with the people. The persecution of the early church never originated with the people, but always with the rulers and priest. Their witness resulted in people being saved. The effect of this fellowship on others caused many to express faith in Jesus Christ. This is the only real purpose of our Christian witness in word and life,



ness. They shared with one another their experiences and interpreted their meaning. No Christian should go a single day without learning something new and penetrating more deeply into the wisdom and the grace of God. They attended also to preaching. They studied more and more the Gospel to show it as the fulfilment of the Old Testament. Then they proclaimed God's message with authority.

**A Fellowship of Prayer**  
(v. 42, 47)

These early Christians knew that they could not meet life in their own strength and they did not need to do so. It was through prayer that they were able to triumph over state persecution. They spoke to God before they went out into the world to speak their witness and meet life's problems. Their prayer life was able to help them reach for a miraculous source of strength. "They all continued with one accord in prayer". God was more ready to bless them than they were able to receive. Their prayer life was habitual and enabled them to live great lives. There was systematic, definite, positive praying in connection with one another.

**A Fellowship of Worship**  
(v. 46)

They never forgot to visit God's house. The early Church is seen attending the temple at the time of prayer. They were together on the day of Pentecost worshipping when the Spirit came. It was a sad day when Paul said "not forgetting the assembling of yourselves together as the custom of some is".

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Thursday, April 20, 1967

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## ALL NIGHT PARTY FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

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## DEVOTIONAL

## Draw Near To God

By Malcolm A. Jones, Pastor, First, Houston

James 4:8-10

In the beginning of these verses, James describes human conflict. The expressive words he uses are fightings, interpersonal warts, lust and killing, and innate desire for things, but never obtaining, and even asking for things you can't receive. How many of us want things we cannot have or acknowledge willingness to strive with wrong methods to achieve right goals? This is altogether descriptive of too much happening to many of us.

But we must also recognize that right desires can be achieved. Men can really live. God's resistance to our ways of achievement doesn't mean that we can't find the satisfying answers to life's needs. In fact, the opposite is true. As he says in verse 6b, "God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble."

"Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." At the beginning and at the end of this passage there is an emphasis on submission to God. How often people are prone to think that God will not look upon them with mercy but will give them what they deserve. And yet, God is full of mercy and loving-kindness, who doesn't vote for our isolation from Himself. The Psalmist knew: "I cried . . . He heard my cry and brought me up also out of the miry pit," and again, "He will regard the prayer of the destitute," or as Isaiah said, "before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking. I will hear."

Life's real answers then can be found in a personal relationship of drawing oneself near to God by faith in Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Saviour. When we draw near through Him we begin to experience life at its very best.

How shall we draw near? These words are descriptive of attitudes with which we come to God: Humility that would acknowledge our need towards God, a rejection of wrong attitudes that would be contrary to His purpose, a desire for God's presence and will in our lives, a willingness to clean up our living of anything contrary to His purpose. And upon our meeting this condition is the promise made, "draw near to God and He will draw near to you."



PICTURED are some of the young ladies at First Church, Pearlington, who got together and made some candy, along with several other ladies, and sent it to the boys in Viet Nam. (27 pounds to be exact.) Left to right: Miss Becky Wardle, Miss Shirley Holden, Mrs. Jerry York, Miss Jewel Carver, and Miss Debbie York.—Rev. J. L. Wardle is pastor.

## Tolbert Says World Thinks

## Christians Are 'Faking It'

**NEW ORLEANS (BP)** — "The world has no respect for Christians today because it knows we are simply faking it," said New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Professor Malcolm O. Tolbert here.

Speaking at the 13th annual Student Missions Conference at New Orleans Seminary, Tolbert told the students that "drawing a smoke screen of talk over our lives cannot hide the truth."

"Jesus identified himself fully with those he came to reach, in their anguish, agony, dirt and disease. We say

that we believe in him, and yet we raise barriers that keep the world from coming in contact with us," said Tolbert, a former Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil.

The purpose of identification is that men may see God," he said, "and they can only see him in someone else. Christ came because God's love had to become concrete in a human being, and it is the same today. We must point people to God by our willingness to relate to them."

Tolbert said he is a troubled preacher, because his minis-

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Rev. David Poe

## CAMP GROUND CALLS PASTOR

Rev. David Poe of Myrtle, has accepted a call to the Camp Ground Church in Water Valley. Mr. Poe will begin his ministry there the 13th of May.

He is now pastor of the Temple church and Old Oak Grove Church of the Myrtle community. He has been there for the past two and one-half years.

Poe is married to the former Billie Taylor of Pontotoc. The Poess have two daughters: Sandy 3, and Patricia 6 months.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Poe are part-time students at Blue Mountain College.

## Itta Bena WMU Honors Toomey

The ladies of the First Baptist Church, Itta Bena, Mississippi entertained with a reception on Sunday afternoon, April 2, honoring their new pastor, Rev. Donald R. Toomey and his family. Rev. Toomey recently moved on the church field from Greenwood.

try is in church buildings and the church today is not for bad people but for good people.

"I am spending my life separated from the people Jesus spent his life surrounded by—those who are outside the pale of human respectability," he said. "God does accept the sinner, and as long as we Christians do not, the world will know we're faking."

## REVIVAL DATES

**First Church, Stonewall:** April 24 to 30; Dr. Byram Glaze of Calvary Church, Columbus, Ga., evangelist; Roland Boyd, Calvary Church, revival song leader; morning services at 10; evening services at 7:30. Rev. John L. Merck, pastor.

**Briarwood Drive, Jackson:** April 23-28; Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, secretary, Department of Evangelism, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor; Southside, Jackson, song leader; Tom Nettles, music and youth director at Briarwood, in charge of special music; services at 7 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; coffee and doughnuts to be served each morning before the service.

**West Heights Church, Pon-** toto: April 23-30; Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, evangelist; I. A. Worsham, Minister of Music, Parkway Church, Natchez, singer; services at 7:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Rev. Gerald Buckley, pastor.

**Friendship (Jones):** April 26-30; youth revival; Rev. Charly Jones, pastor of Peckerwood Church, Jones County, evangelist; Douglas Lawson, music director at Friendship, song leader; Mrs. Douglas Lawson, pianist; Rev. W. N. Johnson, pastor; services nightly at 7; Sunday night. April 30, there will be a special song service followed with fellowship hour and refreshments.

**County Line (Greene):** April 21-23; Rev. David Perry, pastor of Leaf and Unity Churches, evangelist; Craig Smith, song leader; Rev. Harlis G. Martin, pastor.

**Center Terrace Church,**

**Reynolds to Direct** Music For Berne Youth Conference

**WASHINGTON (BP)** — William J. Reynolds of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville has been named director of music for the seventh Baptist Youth World Conference when it meets in Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28, 1968, the Baptist World Alliance announced here.

## J. M. (Uncle Tobe) DAVIS—

## Collector Of Baptist Records

## Celebrates 98th Birthday

John Marshall (Uncle Tobe) Davis celebrated his 98th birthday on March 20.

Mr. Davis was the subject of a feature article in the Baptist Record about four years ago. He has subscribed to the Record for more than 75 years and saved practically every issue. Though some of the earlier issues were accidentally destroyed, he still keeps stacks and stacks of Baptist Records in his room.

He has also collected associational minutes, and has some dating back to the 1890's. These minutes were used in writing the history of the Magee's Creek Church, Walthall County which was organized in 1838, and where Davis was ordained as a deacon in 1903.

He celebrated his 98th birthday in Bogalusa, Louisiana, where he has lived at 903 Superior, with his daughter, Miss May Davis, for a good many years. Rev. Sollie Smith, former pastor in Mississippi, now pastor of Superior Avenue Church, Bogalusa, and his wife, superintendent of the Extension Department of the Sunday school, and other members of the Extension Department, visited him in the morning to serve coffee and cake and to sing and lead in a devotional service.

In the afternoon, Mr. Davis dressed and went into the dining room to be photographed with his cake and then spent the rest of the day in bed, where he received his callers. (He was more alert than usual, knew his visitors, and talked with them. He is in very poor health now, but has retained his memory throughout his serious illnesses of two three-week periods in the hospital in less than a year.)

A group of young people and Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Sing-

wider goals, the larger dreams, the nobler hopes belong to those who have learned to discipline their impulses and desires, to direct them toward the constructive purpose and the creative challenge.

His wife, the former Mary Estelle Powell of Morgantown, died in 1958. They had four children, Mary May of Bogalusa, La.; Wm. Wesley of Kokomo, Ind.; Mie Minnie Lea (Martin) of Vicksburg, Ky.; and Andrew Hoyt of Lake Charles, La.



J. M. Davis

ley (former Mississippian) from Memorial Baptist Church, Bogalusa, visited and sang for him, and read a marked scripture passage from Mr. Davis's old, well-worn New Testament.

A farmer, he likes much to see things grown. When he moved to Bogalusa, he kept his land in Mississippi. In his middle eighties he cleared seven acres of land and cultivated it for several years. He cared for bees as a hobby until this year.

His driver's license did not expire until March 20, 1966, his 97th birthday. And he put 132,000 miles on his '49 Dodge before he sold it last year!

Mr. Davis was born March 20, 1869 in the China Grove community near Kokomo in Marion County. In early childhood, after the death of his father, he moved with his mother and sister and brother to the Darbon community where he lived until he moved to Louisiana.

The Singing Chorus is as follows:

Sharon Ream, Sedalia, Mo.; Ann Gilley, Memphis; Blenda Pigue, Memphis; Pam Duke, Miami, Fla.; Linda Bishop, Baldwin; Kathy Smallwood, Ocala, Fla.; Marilyn Shankles, Ripley.

The Singing Chorus is as follows:

Gloria Glover, Memphis; Gay Hope Allen, Beaumont, Tex.; Anita Howard, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Lynette Keeling, DuQuoin, Ill.; Connie Russell, Horn Lake; Mary Clay, Marion, Ark.; Vicki Atherton, Baton Rouge, La.

Soloists for the production are Suzi Dobbs, a junior, Mobile, Ala., soprano, and the Rev. Bill Peacock, pastor of Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, Tenor.

Carolyn McDowell, Tampa, Florida is assistant director of the production, and Suzi Dobbs is musical director.

## BMC PLANS

## SPRING

## PRODUCTION

Miss Feriel Forbus, director of the Department of Speech and Drama at Blue Mountain College, has announced that the spring production will be Stephen Vincent Binet's "JOHN BROWN'S BODY," which will be presented on two evenings, Friday, May 5, at 8:00 p. m., and Saturday, May 6, at 7:00 p. m. Each performance will be given in Garrett Auditorium. The Saturday evening's presentation is especially for May Day visitors.

Admission fee for adults will be \$1.00; Children, fifty cents; faculty and students, seventy-five cents.

"JOHN BROWN'S BODY" is not a play in the conventional sense, but an epic poem which reveals the vast tragic vision Stephen Vincent Binet had of our country at the most agonizing moment in its history, the Civil War.

The three roles of the production will be played by the following: Miss Feriel Forbus, Actor A; Miss Johnnie Armstrong, Director of Physical Education, Actor B; Kathie Wessels, Memphis, a sophomore; Actress C.

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## Off The Record

## DeSoto To Hold Lay-Led Revivals

Lay-Led Stewardship Weekend Revivals will be held in eleven churches of DeSoto County, April 21-23.



Laymen who will preach for the revivals include Newman Reese, Jackson; B. R. Holliday, Jackson; John Lee, Union; J. L. Nelson, Newton; M. B. Reagan, Cartage; James Thomas, Cartage; W. R. Prevost, McComb; Ed Fitzgerald, McComb; and Charles A. Pittman, Columbia.

Churches that will take part are Colonial Hills, Rev. Jack Nazary, pastor; First Horn Lake, Rev. R. C. Cannon, pastor; Southaven, Rev. B. F. McIlwain, pastor; Eudora, Rev. Curtis Ellis, pastor; Hernando, Rev. W. E. Corkern, pastor; Trinity, Rev. Joe Rigsby, pastor; Nesbit, Rev. E. D. Richardson, pastor; Fairhaven, Rev. Armond Taylor, pastor; Carriage, Rev. Lyn Claybrook, pastor; New Prospect, Rev. Leon Dodson, pastor; and Mineral Wells, Rev. Ned Davis, pastor.

The Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Elmer L. Howell, secretary, is sponsoring the lay-led revivals. Rev. Ervin Brown, superintendent of missions, DeSoto County, is directing the crusade.

"Marvelous," he yelled. "The idea of golf is to get the ball in the cup."

Flannagan snorted. "A fine time to tell me."

Flannagan gave it a terrific sock. When they reached the green, the pro discovered Flannagan's ball one inch from the hole.

"Now, Mr. Flannagan, hit the ball as hard as you can in that direction," the pro urged, pointing to the distant green.

"Fine manners, that," said Mike. "I'd have taken the smaller piece."

"What's a ilin' ye?" Pat asked. "You've got it ain't ye?"

Too many people quit looking for work when they find a job.

Walking isn't really a lost art. How else can you get from the house to the garage?

The pro was showing Flannagan around. It was Flannagan's first game of golf. It was three hundred yards to the first hole.

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